



# Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 40

### PART I

#### DEREGULATION

### CHAPTER II

#### MISCELLANEOUS DEREGULATORY PROVISIONS

#### **26 Offences under section 63 of the Charities Act 1992: creation of statutory defence.**

- (1) Section 63 of the Charities Act 1992 (which makes it an offence to solicit property for an institution while falsely representing that it is a registered charity) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (1) there shall be inserted—

“(1A) In any proceedings for an offence under subsection (1), it shall be a defence for the accused to prove that he believed on reasonable grounds that the institution was a registered charity.”
- (3) In subsection (2) (meaning of “registered charity”) for the words “subsection (1)” there shall be substituted “this section”.

**Changes to legislation:**

Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, Section 26 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 04 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 71(3)(ha) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 4](#)